

AQUARIUS 01-02: IDEALIZE + ACCIDENT (IDEALISM IN ACCIDENTAL OR UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES)

Ideal	Noun	Synonyms	Adjective	Synonyms
	1 Conception of something in its perfection .	1, 2 Epitome. IDEAL, EXAMPLE, MODEL refer to something considered as a standard to strive toward or something considered worthy of imitation . An IDEAL is a concept or standard of perfection, existing merely as an image in the mind , or based upon a person or upon conduct . <i>Sir Phillip Sidney was considered the idea in gentlemanly conduct.</i> An EXAMPLE is a person or his conduct or achievements regarded as worthy of being followed or imitated in a general way; or sometimes as properly to be avoided . <i>An example of courage; A bad example to one's children.</i> A MODEL is primarily a physical shape to be closely copied, but is also a pattern for exact imitation in conduct or character . <i>They took the leader as a model.</i>	7 Conceived as construing a standard of perfection or excellence : <i>Ideal beauty.</i>	7 Perfect , consulate, complete .
	2 A standard of perfection or excellence .		8 Regarded as perfect in its kind: <i>An ideal spot for a home.</i>	
	3 A person or thing conceived as embodying such a conception or conforming to such a standard , and taken as a model for imitation .		9 Existing only in the imagination ; not real or practical; visionary : <i>An ideal marriage.</i>	9 Impractical, imaginary, fanciful, fantastic.
	4 An ultimate object or all of endeavor , especially one of high or noble character : <i>He refuses to compromise any of his ideals.</i>	4 Intention, objective .	10 Advantageous; excellent; best : <i>It would be ideal she would accompany us to care for the children.</i>	
	5 Something that exists only in the imagination : <i>To achieve the ideal is almost hopeless.</i>		11 Based upon an ideal or ideals : <i>The ideal theory of numbers.</i>	
	6 <i>Math.</i> A subring of a ring, any element of the ring results in an element of the subring.		12 <i>Philosophical</i> a. Existing as an archetype or Platonic Idea. b. Pertaining to a possible state of affairs considered as highly desirable . c. Pertaining to or of the nature of idealism .	

Idealize

Verb transitive

1 To **make ideal**; **represent in an ideal form** or **character**: exists to an **ideal perfection** or **excellence**.

Verb intransitive

2 To **represent something in an ideal form**; imagine or **form an ideal or ideals**.

[IDEAL + IZE]

Accident	Noun	Synonyms	Antonyms
	1 An undesirable or unfortunate happening, unintentionally caused and usually resulting in harm, injury, damage, or loss; casualty; mishap: <i>Automobile accidents.</i> 2 Any event that happens unexpectedly, without a deliberate plan or cause. 3 Chance, fortune, luck: <i>I was there by accident.</i> 4 A nonessential circumstances, quality or characteristic. 5 <i>Philosophical.</i> Any entity or event contingent upon the existence of something else. 6 <i>Geological.</i> A surface irregularity, usually on a small scale, the reason for which is not apparent. [< L <i>accident-</i> (singular of <i>accidēns</i> happening, present participle of <i>accidere</i> to befall), equivalent to <i>ac-</i> AC- +<i>-cid-</i>, variation of <i>-cad-</i> fall +<i>ent</i> ENT.]	1 Mischance, misfortune, misadventure, contingency; disaster.	3 Design, intent.



An Unexpected Thunderstorm

AQUARIUS 2

AN UNEXPECTED THUNDERSTORM

(ACCIDENT)

RUDHYAR: AN UNEXPECTED THUNDERSTORM

ALL LIFE IS EPHEMERAL

Though we want to cement our lives into secure structures, Nature always wins in the end

Nature is a constant existential challenge to the works of people; fires, floods and winds tear down our strongest buildings in moments, and time itself erodes everything eventually. By this fact we are reminded not only how small and insignificant we are and how magnificent is any creation that stands against Nature for a while, yet also we remember the need to develop inwardly the strength to cope with it all.

With optimism and confidence, setbacks will always further our ends

Civilisation has developed to protect us against the cruelty of Nature, yet in the end we all have to take precautions against accidents, and quicken ourselves in the presence of such primitive forces as thunderstorms. The storm image is appropriate on the psychological level too, as society also tries to mitigate emotional pain and inconvenience as much as possible.

Nonetheless, it is more or less certain that we will be thoroughly inconvenienced in our lifetime by the shifting patterns of events in which we are obliged to participate. The appropriate attitude is one of alertness rather than complete temperamental instability. It is idiocy to shout threats at the thunder.

In all the strands of a normal life – career, relationship, spirituality and family – we will likely have to come to terms with the loss of love, of position, of health and of our hopes – often as a result of an unexpected, unwelcome, forceful or stormy event.

It is better to recognise the positive aspect of crisis. Without it, opportunities for maximum self-development are rare, and the bonding convergence of relationships is absent. Life needs crisis to deepen.

The masterly approach is to seek out such events and ‘chase the storms’, so to harvest the juice they contain. With the right mind of optimism and confidence, we can call up our genius to create opportunity out of disaster, and use setbacks, and even catastrophe, to further our ends.

Accidents by their very nature are unexpected – but only as to their timing and particularities. They are entirely predictable as to their inevitability. So we can prepare for them, train ourselves in how to respond to them – and take full responsibility for their implications in our lives. Nature’s potentialities lie beyond our jurisdiction – so we must develop strategies for how to act when we are not in control.

At an advanced level of understanding, we see that all control is illusion anyway. Everything we plan is subject to modification, and the final mystery of life is accessed only through surrender. Thunderstorms, by their very unpredictability and awesome power, help us find our way towards this subtle, counter-intuitive comprehension.